

# Daily Digest

## Senate

### Chamber Action

**Routine Proceedings, pages S3329–S3451**

**Measures Introduced:** Thirty-three bills and four resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 1792–1824, and S. Res. 246–249. **Pages S3362–63**

**Measures Passed:**

***Honoring the Memory of the Victims of the Pulse Nightclub Attack:*** Senate agreed to S. Res. 246, honoring the memory of the victims of the heinous attack at the Pulse nightclub on June 12, 2016. **Pages S3330–31**

***Victims of the mass shooting in Virginia Beach, Virginia:*** Senate agreed to S. Res. 248, honoring the victims of the mass shooting in Virginia Beach, Virginia. **Page S3450**

***University of Maryland Women's Lacrosse NCAA Division I Champions:*** Senate agreed to S. Res. 249, commemorating the victory of the University of Maryland in the 2019 National Collegiate Athletic Association Division I Women's Lacrosse Championship. **Page S3450**

***Blue Water Navy Vietnam Veterans Act:*** Senate passed H.R. 299, to amend title 38, United States Code, to clarify presumptions relating to the exposure of certain veterans who served in the vicinity of the Republic of Vietnam. **Page S3450**

**Stilwell Nomination—Agreement:** Senate resumed consideration of the nomination of David Stilwell, of Hawaii, to be an Assistant Secretary of State (East Asian and Pacific Affairs). **Pages S3345–58**

During consideration of this nomination today, Senate also took the following action:

By 93 yeas to 4 nays (Vote No. 160), Senate agreed to the motion to close further debate on the nomination. **Pages S3345–46**

A unanimous-consent-time agreement was reached providing that notwithstanding Rule XXII, following Leader remarks on Thursday, June 13, 2019, Senate be in a period of morning business, with Senators permitted to speak for up to ten minutes each; that at 10:45 a.m., Senator Paul, or his designee, be recognized to make motions to discharge S.J. Res.

20, relating to the disapproval of the proposed sale to the Government of Qatar of certain defense articles and services, and S.J. Res. 26, relating to the disapproval of the proposed sale to the Government of Bahrain of certain defense articles and services, and that the motions to discharge be debated concurrently until 11:30 a.m., with seven minutes reserved for the Chairman and Ranking Member respectively; that at 11:30 a.m., Senate vote on or in relation to the motions to discharge in the order listed, and that following disposition of the motion in relation to S.J. Res. 26, Senate vote on the motion to invoke cloture on the nomination of Edward F. Crawford, of Ohio, to be Ambassador to Ireland; and that if cloture is invoked on the nomination of Edward F. Crawford, at 1:45 p.m., Senate vote on confirmation of the nominations of David Stilwell, and Edward F. Crawford. **Pages S3357–58**

**Nominations Confirmed:** Senate confirmed the following nominations:

By 91 yeas to 5 nays (Vote No. EX. 155), Pamela A. Barker, of Ohio, to be United States District Judge for the Northern District of Ohio. **Pages S3331–44**

By 62 yeas to 34 nays (Vote No. EX. 156), Corey Landon Maze, of Alabama, to be United States District Judge for the Northern District of Alabama. **Page S3344**

By 78 yeas to 18 nays (Vote No. EX. 157), Rodney Smith, of Florida, to be United States District Judge for the Southern District of Florida. **Pages S3344–45**

By 77 yeas to 19 nays (Vote No. EX. 158), Thomas P. Barber, of Florida, to be United States District Judge for the Middle District of Florida. **Page S3345**

By 85 yeas to 11 nays (Vote No. EX. 159), Jean-Paul Boulee, of Georgia, to be United States District Judge for the Northern District of Georgia. **Page S3345**

**Nominations Received:** Senate received the following nominations:

Carl Whitney Bentzel, of Maryland, to be a Federal Maritime Commissioner for the term expiring June 30, 2024.

Ashley Jay Elizabeth Poling, of North Carolina, to be a Commissioner of the Postal Regulatory Commission for a term expiring November 22, 2024.

David B. Barlow, of Utah, to be United States District Judge for the District of Utah.

Robert Anthony Molloy, of the Virgin Islands, to be Judge for the District Court of the Virgin Islands for a term of ten years.

Fernando L. G. Sablan, of Guam, to be United States Marshal for the District of Guam and concurrently United States Marshal for the District of the Northern Mariana Islands for the term of four years.

Kevin Ray Sweazea, of New Mexico, to be United States District Judge for the District of New Mexico.

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**Nominations Withdrawn:** Senate received notification of withdrawal of the following nominations:

Jeffrey Nadaner, of Maryland, to be an Assistant Secretary of Commerce, which was sent to the Senate on January 16, 2019.

Louis DeJoy, of North Carolina, to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the Overseas Private Investment Corporation for a term expiring December 17, 2020, which was sent to the Senate on January 16, 2019.

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**Record Votes:** Six record votes were taken today. (Total—160) **Pages S3344–46**

**Adjournment:** Senate convened at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 6:48 p.m., until 9:30 a.m. on Thursday, June 13, 2019. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record on page S3450.)

## Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

### BUSINESS MEETING

*Committee on Armed Services:* Committee ordered favorably reported 3,293 nominations in the Army, Navy, Air Force, and Marine Corps.

### FCC OVERSIGHT

*Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation:* Committee concluded an oversight hearing to examine the Federal Communications Commission, after receiving testimony from Ajit Pai, Chairman, and Michael O'Rielly, Brendan Carr, Jessica Rosenworcel, and Geoffrey Starks, each a Commissioner, all of the Federal Communications Commission.

### WOTUS REGULATIONS

*Committee on Environment and Public Works:* Committee concluded a joint hearing with the Subcommittee on Fisheries, Water, and Wildlife to examine Waters of the United States regulations, focusing on their impact on states and the American people, after receiving testimony from Todd Fornstrom, Wyoming Farm Bureau Federation, Pine Bluffs, on behalf of the American Farm Bureau Federation; Doug Goehring, North Dakota Agriculture Commissioner, Bismarck; and Richard Elias, Pima County Board of Supervisors, Tucson, Arizona.

### CHINA'S BELT AND ROAD INITIATIVE

*Committee on Finance:* Subcommittee on International Trade, Customs, and Global Competitiveness concluded a hearing to examine China's belt and road initiative, after receiving testimony from Carolyn Bartholomew, Chairman, and Roy D. Kamphausen, Commissioner, both of the United States-China Economic and Security Review Commission; and Daniel Kliman, Center for a New American Security, and Derek Scissors, American Enterprise Institute, both of Washington, D.C.

### NATO EXPANSION

*Committee on Foreign Relations:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine NATO expansion, focusing on examining the accession of North Macedonia, after receiving testimony from Philip T. Reeker, Acting Assistant Secretary of State, Bureau of European and Eurasian Affairs; and Kathryn Wheelbarger, Acting Assistant Secretary of Defense for International Security Affairs.

### NOMINATIONS

*Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nominations of Chad F. Wolf, of Virginia, to be